

Program Design and Analysis: Compilation

Embedded systems considerations:

- rich functionality
- small environment
- timing constraints
- power consumption

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Design patterns

 Design pattern: generalised description of the design of a certain type of program.

Designer fills in details to customise the pattern to a particular programming problem.

Product planning is usually top down Implementation bottom up Implementation uses a catalogue of parts

HW modules

SW design patterns



Design Pattern Example 1 State Machine

- · A State machine is useful in many contexts:
 - parsing user input
 - responding to complex stimuli
 - controlling sequential outputs

wrt timing

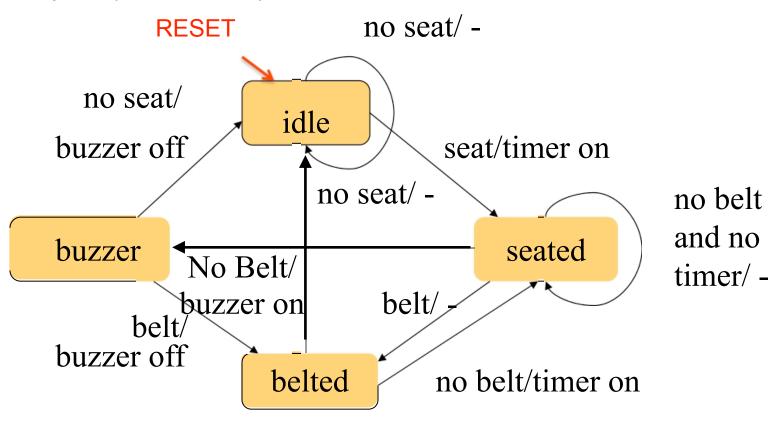
You have seen this in digital logic. It is also a programming construct

The presentation is using a subset of UML (Unified Modeling Language). Specifically the Statecharts specifications



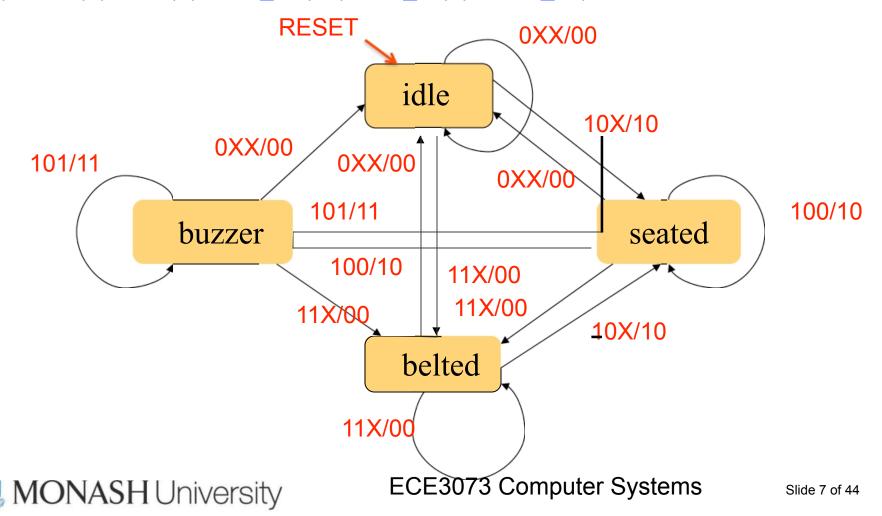
State machine example – seat belt alarm

Inputs/outputs (- = no action)



State machine example – more complete

(Seated) (Belted) (Timed_out) / (Timer_on) (Buzzer_on)



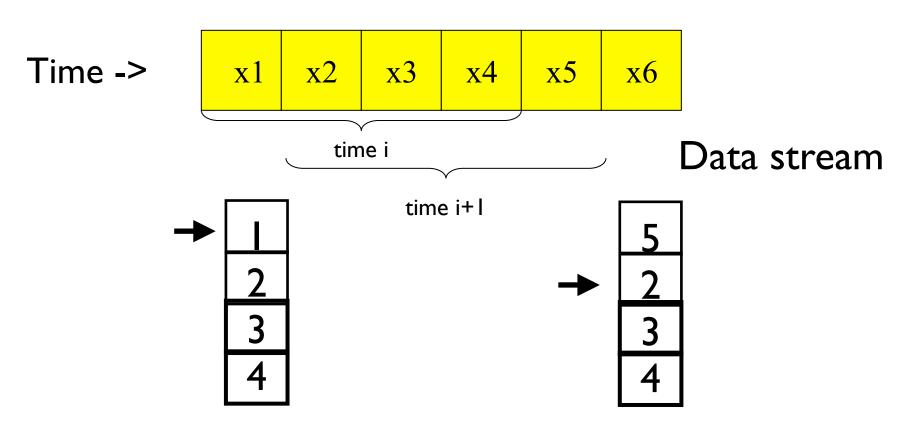
C implementation

```
#define IDLE 0
                          const defn is better. Why?
#define SEATED 1
#define BELTED 2
#define BUZZER 3
switch (state) {
   case IDLE: if (seat) { state = SEATED; timer_on = TRUE; }
       break;
   case SEATED: if (belt) state = BELTED;
               else if (timer) state = BUZZER;
       break;
```

In digital logic state transitions are on clock edge. In SW what is the trigger?



Design Pattern Example 2: Circular buffer

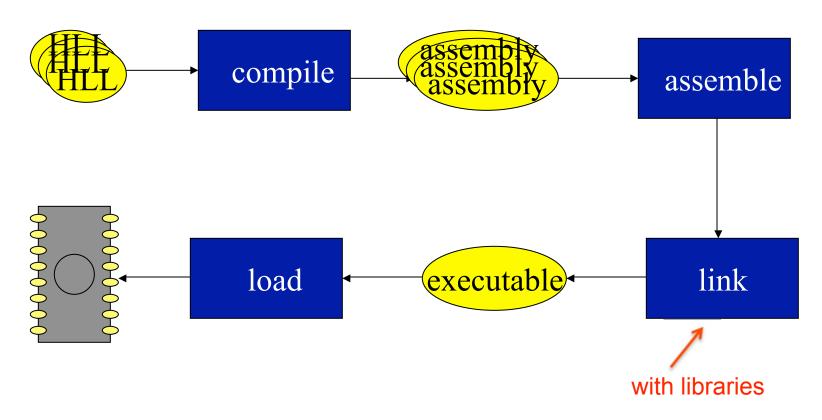


Circular Buffer



Compilation: C to Binary

C is easier to write + can be more optimised and efficient





Models of Programs

- Source code not a good representation for programs:
 - clumsy
 - leaves much information implicit
- Compilers derive intermediate representations to manipulate and optimise programs

Such as assembler and p-code for Pascal

 We will use a control/data flow graph (CDFG) to model a program. As a starting point we will look at data flow graphs which deal purely with data.



Data Flow Graph (DFG)

Data only does not represent control

- Models basic block:
 - Code with one entry
 - Code with one exit

 Describes the minimal ordering requirements on operations





Data Flow Graph Definition

- A DFG is a directed graph that shows the data dependencies between a number of functions.
- Nodes 'fire 'when their input data is available (there may be several nodes ready to fire at a given time)
- Approximately, each node represents one operation that the system can perform (one assembler instruction)



Example (1/2): DFG

Original:

$$x = a + b$$
;

$$y = c - d;$$

$$z = x * y;$$

$$y = b + d;$$



Single assignment form:

$$x = a + b$$
;

$$y = c - d;$$

y is overwritten but the y's are different expressions that

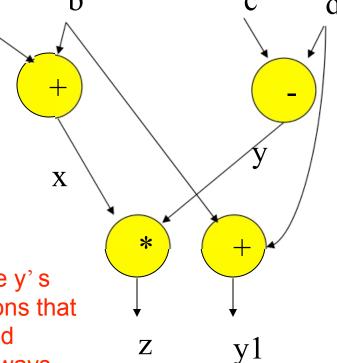
a

$$z = x * y;$$

could be optimised and

$$y1 = b + d;$$

reordered in different ways



Example (2/2): DFG

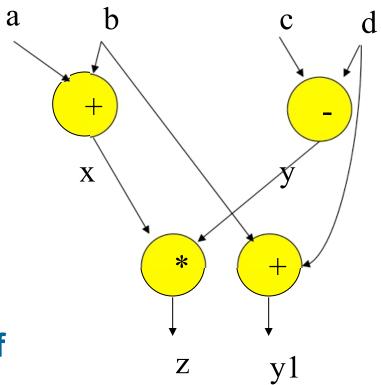
Single assignment form:

$$x = a + b;$$

 $y = c - d;$ Could swap
 $z = x * y;$
 $y1 = b + d;$

Partial order:

 Can calculate each set of partial orders in any order



Gives opportunity for optimisation

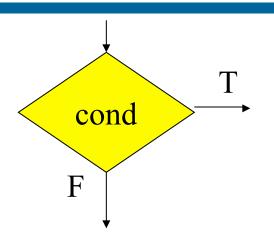


Control- Data Flow Graph (CDFG)

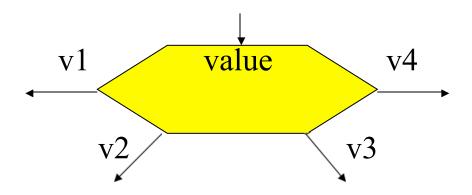
- Represents control and data
- Uses DFG as components
- Data flow node: encapsulates DFG
- Used in testing each path through code

$$x = a + b;$$
$$y = c + d$$

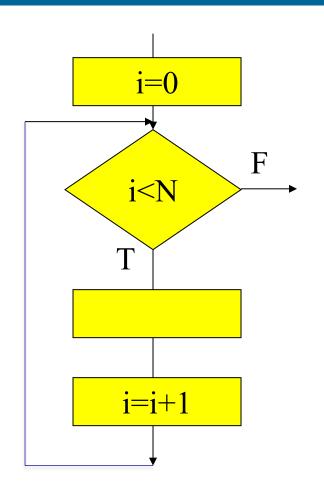
CDFG Decision Nodes (1/2)

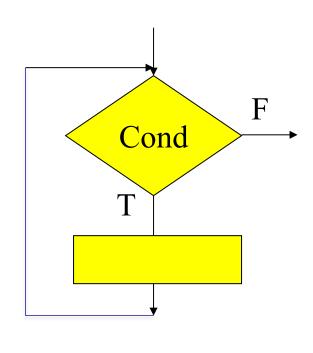


Which C statements do these correspond to?



CDFG Decision Nodes (2/2)

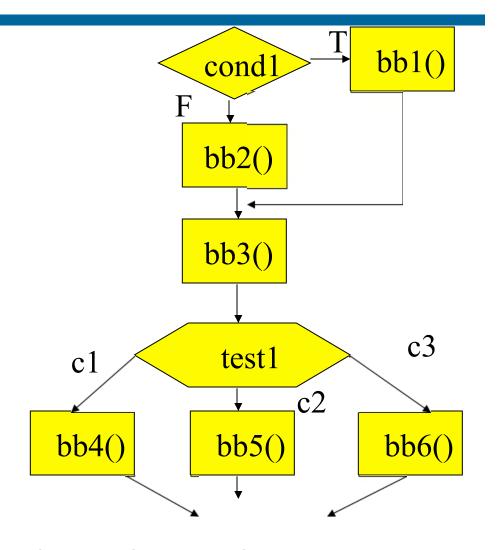






Example: CDFG

```
if (cond1) bb1();
else bb2();
bb3();
switch (test1) {
  case c1: bb4();
               break;
   case c2: bb5();
               break;
   case c3: bb6();
               break;
```





Compilation

Compilation strategy:

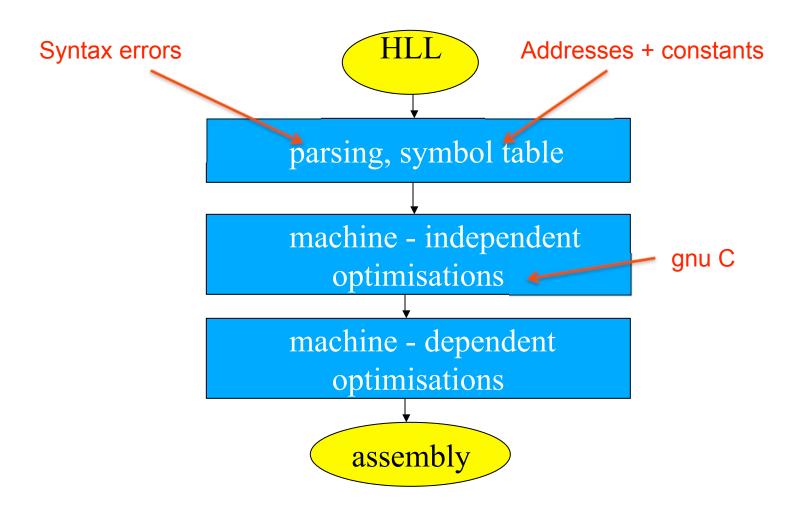
compilation = translation (source code to assembly)ptimisation

Compiler determines quality of code

- use of CPU resources (registers, processor cores)
- memory access scheduling
- code size



General Compilation Phases





Source Translation and Optimisation

- Source code translated into intermediate form such as CDFG
- CDFG is transformed/optimised
- CDFG is translated into instructions with optimisation decisions
- Instructions are further optimised



Example 1: Source to Assembly

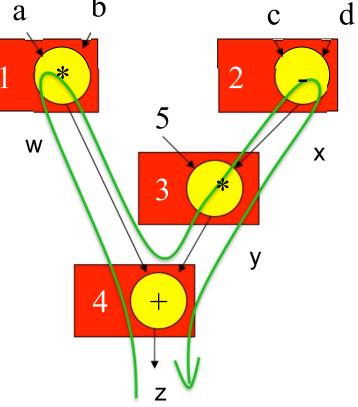
Expression: a * b + 5 * (c - d) Look for syntax errors

Data Flow Graph

Dependencies

Reverse Polish notation

$$z=ab*5cd-*+$$



Walk the graph post order (see ECE2071)

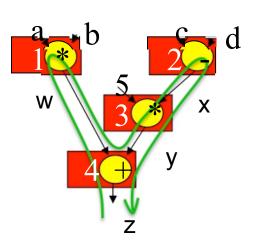


Example 1: Source to Assembly (2/2)

$$w = a * b$$

 $x = c - d$
 $y = 5 * x$
 $z = w + y$

Can reuse w, x, y



NIOS - II Code:

1	ldw	r3, - 16(fp)
	ldw	r2, - 12(fp)
	mul	r3, r3, r2
2	ldw	r4, - 8(fp)
	ldw	r2, - 4(fp)
	sub	r2, r4, r2
3	muli	r2, r2, 5
4	add	r3, r3, r2

RPL HPcalculator

push a push b	a Enter b *
push 5 push c push d	5 Enter c Enter d
-	-
*	*
+	+

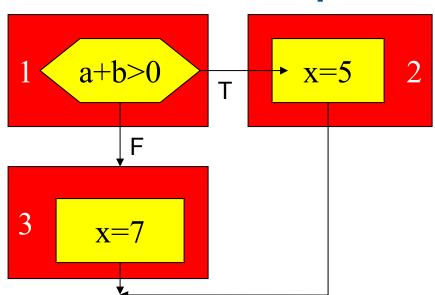


Example 2: Source to Assembly

Expression:

if
$$(a + b > 0) x = 5$$
;
else $x = 7$;

Data Flow Graph:



NIOS-II Code:

11100 11 00401		
а	ldw r3,-20(fp)	
b	ldw r2,-16(fp)	
1	add r2,r3,r2	
b	cmplti r2,r2,1 $_{T=1,F=}$	
	bne r2, zero, 0xc0	
	movi r2,5	
2 x	stw r2,-4(fp)	
	br 0xc8	
0xc0:	movi r2,7	
3 x	stw r2,-4(fp)	
0xc8:		



Compilation Part B

Data structures

- Different data structures use different layouts
- Some data structure offsets (arrays, structures and unions) can be computed at compile time, others must be computed at run time

fixed offsets

Exercises!



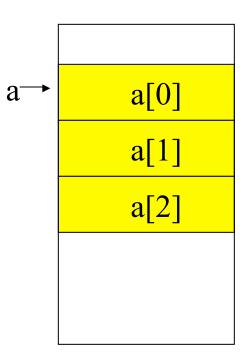
Check the output in assembler of the NIOS compiler for:

- Loops (for, while, do while)
- Case statements
- Data structures (structures, arrays, local, static, global)
- Parameter passing (more parameters than registers, pointers, structures, C++ pass by reference)

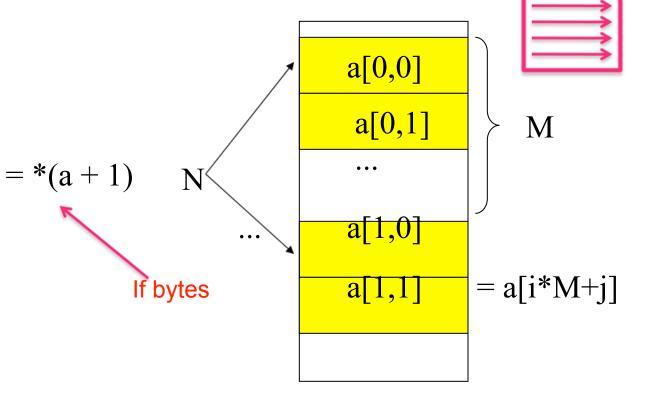
This lecture will overview some aspects of these



1D: C array name points to 0th element

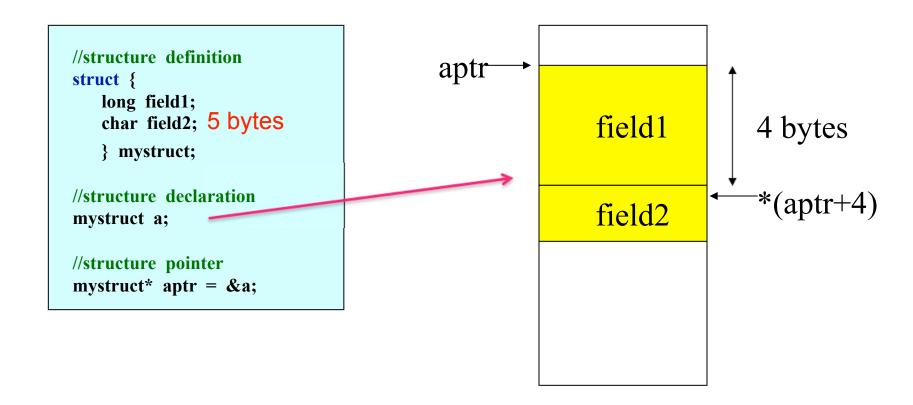






Structures

Fields within structures are static offsets:





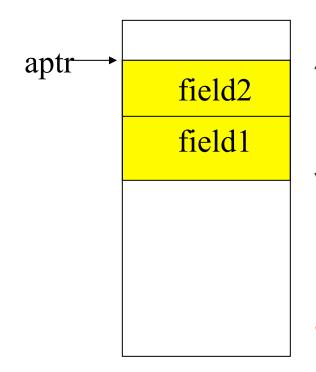
Unions

Fields within unions have same (zero) offset

```
//structure definition
union {
    long field1;
    char field2;
    } myunion;

//structure declaration
myunion a;

//structure pointer
myunion* aptr = &a;
```



4 bytes ONLY!

Because store one or the other but not both enough space for the largest

NOTE: field2 overlaps with field1 !!!



Optimisation

- Goal is to reduce:
 - Code size
 - Execution time
 - Processor resources
- May not be possible to achieve all goals.
 Usually a compromise of goals



Expression Simplification

Constant folding:

$$8 + 1 = 9$$
 $x = 8 + 1$;

- If a result can be calculated at compile time, saves processor computation
- Algebraic:

$$a * b + a * c = a * (b + c)$$
 $x = a * b + a * c;$

- Addition is generally much faster than multiplication
- Strength reduction:

$$x = a * 2;$$

 x = a * 2;
 Left shift is multiplication by 2, right shift is integer division by 2



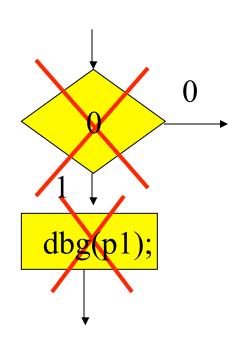
Dead Code Elimination

In general difficult but some cases are easy

Dead code:

```
#define DEBUG 0
...
if (DEBUG) dbg(p1);
```

 Can be eliminated by analysis of control flow, constant folding

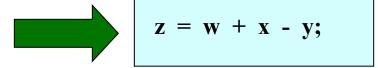


Parts of code cannot be reached! Not a good thing!

Eliminates procedure linkage overhead:

```
int foo(a,b,c)
    {
     return a + b - c;
     }
    ...
    z = foo(w,x,y);
```

But uses more memory as code is repeated each place it would have been called



Compilation Part C

- When a procedure (function) is called:
 - May need to pass parameters to procedure
 - May need to return result from procedure
- Example:

```
long Function_A (int A, int B);
void Procedure_B (char* C);
```

- Parameters and returns passed on stack
 - Procedures with few parameters may use registers

Can return results on stack or load into memory



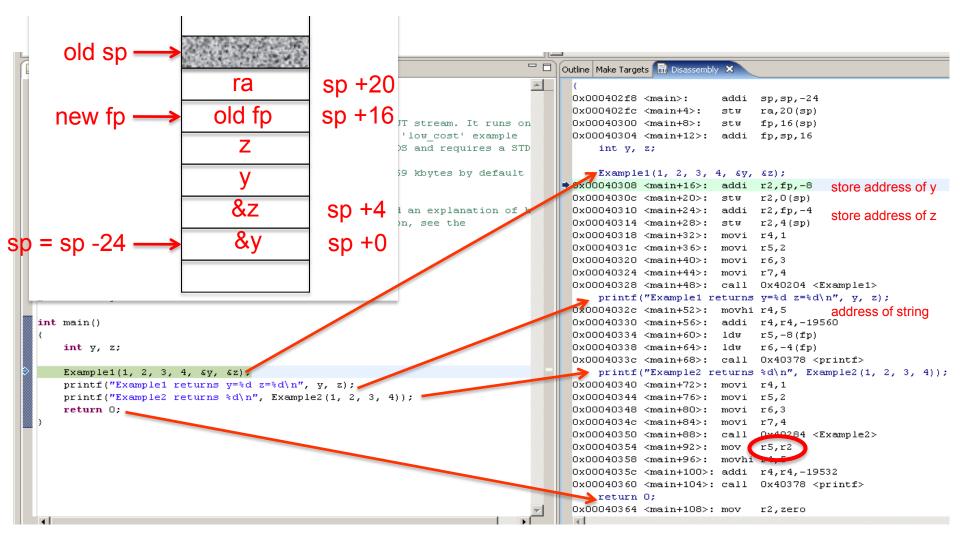


Example of Procedure Linkage – A simple 3 file project

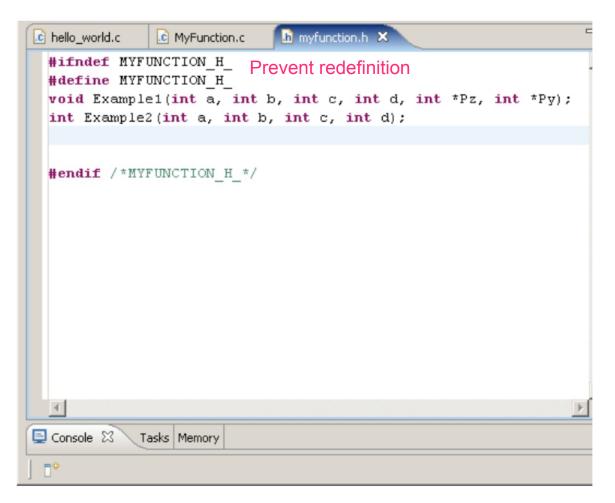
```
In hello_world.c ⋈
                                                                                     Outline Make Targets To Disassembly X
               C MyFunction.c
                               h myfunction.h
                                             .c alt_main.c
   * "Hello World" example.
                                                                                       0x000402f8 <main>:
                                                                                                                     sp, sp, -24
                                                                                       0x000402fc <main+4>:
                                                                                                                     ra,20(sp)
   * This example prints 'Hello from Nios II' to the STDOUT stream. It runs on
                                                                                       0x00040300 <main+8>:
                                                                                                                     fp, 16(sp)
   * the Nios II 'standard', 'full featured', 'fast', and 'low cost' example
                                                                                       0x00040304 <main+12>:
                                                                                                              addi fp,sp,16
   * designs. It runs with or without the MicroC/OS-II RTOS and requires a STD
                                                                                           int y, z;
   * device in your system's hardware.
   * The memory footprint of this hosted application is ~69 kbytes by default
                                                                                        Example1(1, 2, 3, 4, &y, &z);
    using the standard reference design.
                                                                                        x00040308 <main+16>:
                                                                                                              addi r2,fp,-8
                                                                                       0x0004030c <main+20>:
                                                                                                                    r2,0(sp)
   * For a reduced footprint version of this template, and an explanation of
                                                                                       0x00040310 <main+24>:
                                                                                                                    r2,fp,-4
   * to reduce the memory footprint for a given application, see the
                                                                                       0x00040314 <main+28>:
                                                                                                                     r2,4(sp)
   * "small hello world" template.
                                                                                       0x00040318 <main+32>:
                                                                                       0x0004031c <main+36>:
                                                                                                                    r5.2
                                                                                       0x00040320 <main+40>:
                                                                                       0x00040324 <main+44>:
                                                                                                                   r7,4
 #include <stdio.h>
                                                                                       0x00040328 <main+48>:
                                                                                                              call 0x40204 <Example1>
                                                                                       printf("Example1 returns y=%d z=%d\n", y, z);
 #include "myfunction.h"
                                                                                                              movhi r4,5
                                                                                       0x0004032c <main+52>:
                                                                                       0x00040330 <main+56>:
  int main()
                                                                                                              addi r4,r4,-19560
                                                                                       0x00040334 <main+60>:
                                                                                                                    r5,-8(fp)
                                                                                       0x00040338 <main+64>:
      int y, z;
                                                                                                                    r6,-4(fp)
                                                                                       0x0004033c <main+68>:
                                                                                                              call 0x40378 <printf>
                                                                                       printf("Example2 returns %d\n", Example2(1, 2, 3, 4));
      Example1(1, 2, 3, 4, \epsilon y, \epsilon z)
     printf("Example1 returns y=%d z=%d\n", y, z);
                                                                                       0x00040340 <main+72>:
     printf("Example2 returns %d\n", Example2(1, 2, 3, 4));
                                                                                       0x00040344 <main+76>:
      return 0; _
                                                                                       0x00040348 <main+80>:
                                                                                       0x0004034c <main+84>:
                                                                                       0x00040350 <main+88>:
                                                                                                                    0x40284 <Example2>
                                                                                       0x00040354 <main+92>:
                                                                                                                     r5, r2
                                                                                       0x00040358 <main+96>:
                                                                                                              movhi r4,5
                                                                                       0x0004035c <main+100>: addi r4,r4,-19532
                                                                                       0x00040360 <main+104>: call 0x40378 <printf>
                                                                                        return 0;
                                                                                       0x00040364 <main+108>: mov r2,zero
```

Example of Procedure Linkage

A simple 3 file project



Common header file



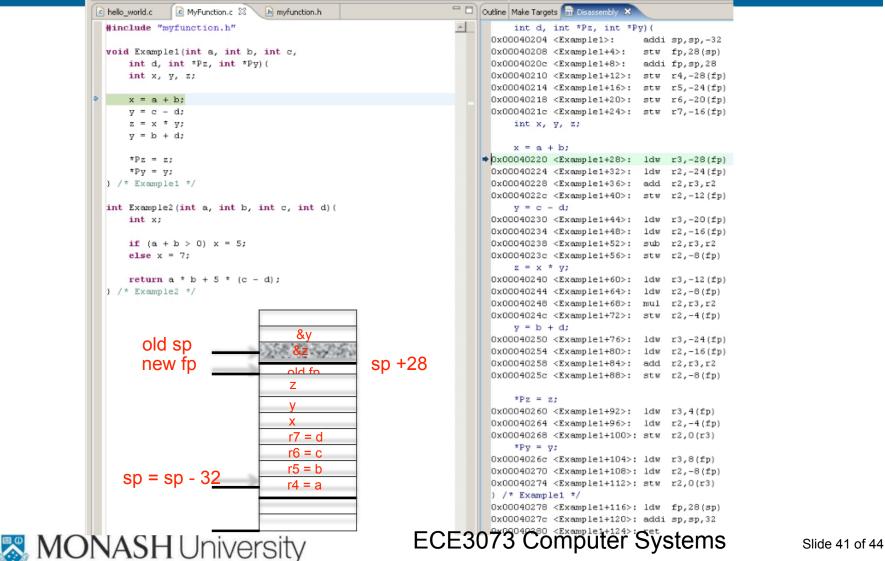
Function prototypes allow consistency type checking of parameters and return values across files

Header file is included in the user: main.c and

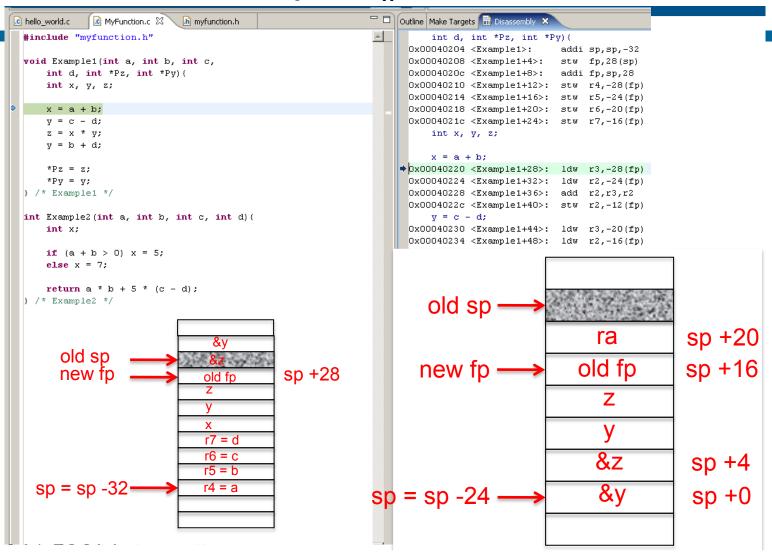
the definition: MyFunction.c



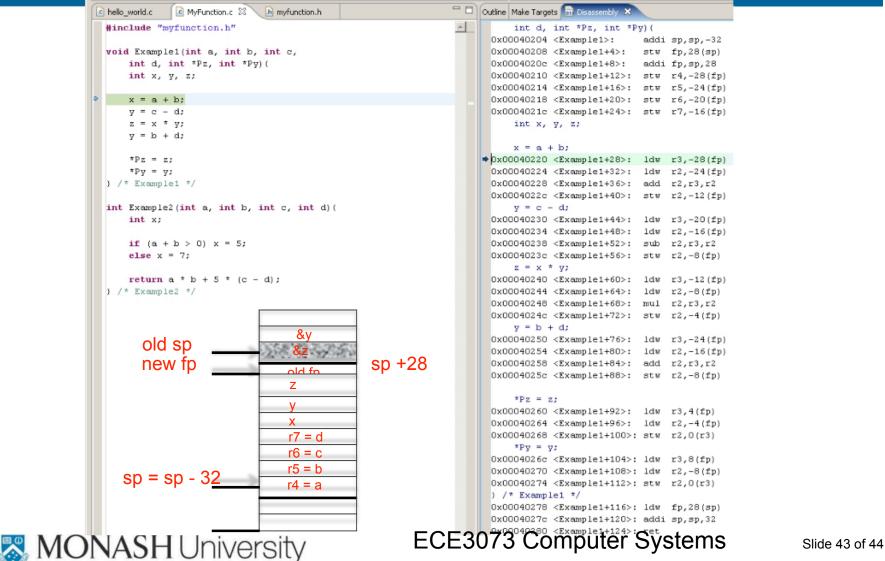
Function Example 1()



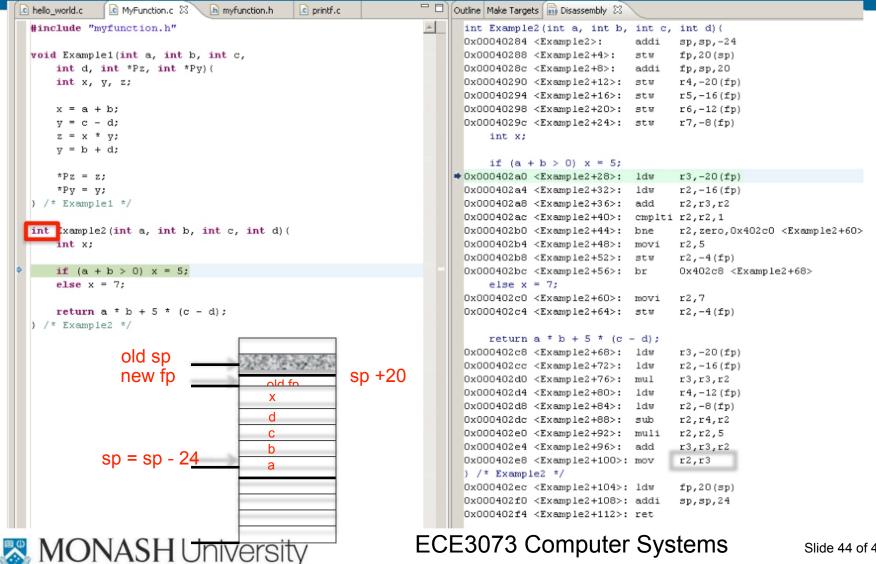
Function Example1()



Function Example 1()



Function Example 2()



Loop Unrolling

Goals:

- Reduce loop overhead (especially pipeline flushes)
- Increase opportunities parallelism
- Improve memory system performance

```
for(i=0; i<4; i++)
{
    a[i] = b[i] * c[i];
}

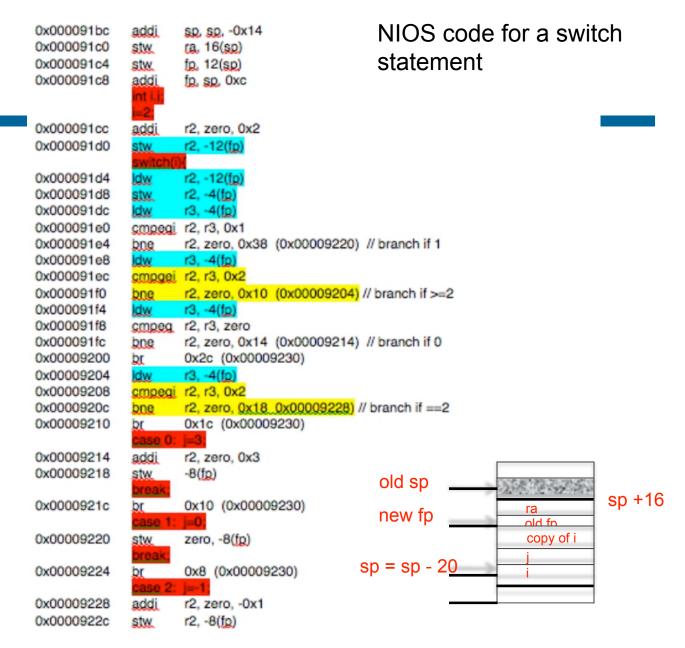
for(i=0; i<2; i++)
{
    a[i*2] = b[i*2] * c[i*2];
    a[i*2+1] = b[i*2+1] * c[i*2+1];
}
```

- 4 Branch instructions 2 Branch instructions
- Downside is increased code size



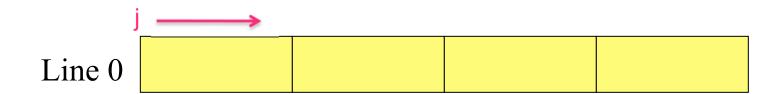
Compilers can produce inefficient code if not

optimised.

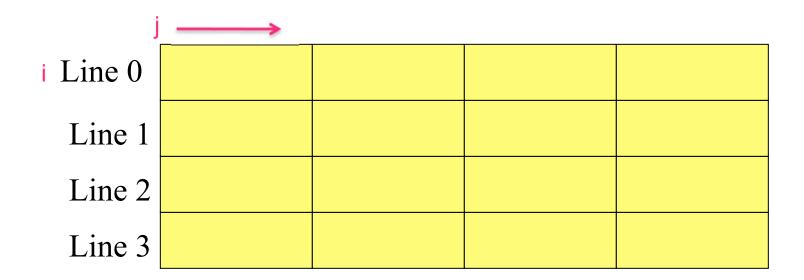


Cache reminder

· A[8] accessed this way:



A[8,8] accessed this way:



A[8,8] accessed this way:

j	\longrightarrow		
i Line 0	A[0][0]		
Line 1			
Line 2			
Line 3			

A[8,8] accessed this way:

j	\longrightarrow			
Line 0	A[0][0]	A[0][1]	A[0][2]	A[0][3]
Line 1				
Line 2				
Line 3				

A[8,8] accessed this way:

Assume that the cache can hold 4 different entries and for each one includes the following 3 entries

• After i = 3, j = 0 (4x i loop, 1x j loop)

j	\rightarrow			
Line 0	A[0][0]	A[0][1]	A[0][2]	A[0][3]
Line 1	A[1][0]	A[1][1]	A[1][2]	A[1][3]
Line 2	A[2][0]	A[2][1]	A[2][2]	A[2][3]
Line 3	A[3][0]	A[3][1]	A[3][2]	A[3][3]

A[8,8] accessed this way:

Overwriting values introduced previously

• After i = 7, j = 0 (8x i loop, 1x j loop)

Line 4	A[4][0]	A[4][1]	A[4][2]	A[4][3]
Line 5	A[5][0]	A[5][1]	A[5][2]	A[5][3]
Line 6	A[6][0]	A[6][1]	A[6][2]	A[6][3]
Line 7	A[7][0]	A[7][1]	A[7][2]	A[7][3]

A[8,8] accessed this way:

Every time we cache a new value we also load 3 values we do not use

After i = 3, j = 1 (12x i loop, 2x j loop)

Line 0	A[0][0]	A[0][1]	A[0][2]	A[0][3]	
Line 1	A[1][0]	A[1][1]	A[1][2]	A[1][3]	
Line 2	A[2][0]	A[2][1]	A[2][2]	A[2][3]	
Line 3	A[3][0]	A[3][1]	A[3][2]	A[3][3]	
Line 3	V[2][0]	$\Delta[J][1]$	A[J][L]		

REPLACED!!(4times

Array - Cache Solution 1 (1/3)

A[8,8] accessed this way:

for(i = 0; i < 8; i++)

for(j = 0; j < 8; j++)

$$A[i][j] += 20;$$

In this example order does not matter so we rearrange

• After i = 3, j = 0 (4x i loop, 1x j loop)

	miss	In cache	In cache	In cache	
Line 0	A[0][0]	A[0][1]	A[0][2]	A[0][3]	Miss (ONCE
Line 1					
Line 2					
Line 3					

Array - Cache Solution 1 (2/3)

A[8,8] accessed this way:

for(i = 0; i < 8; i++)
for(j = 0; j < 8; j++)

$$A[i][j] += 20;$$

Swap i, j order

• After i = 7, j = 0 (8x i loop, 1x j loop)

Line 0	A[0][0]	A[0][1]	A[0][2]	A[0][3]
Line 1	A[0][4]	A[0][5]	A[0][6]	A[0][7]>
Line 2				
Line 3				

Miss (ONCE)



Array - Cache Solution 1 (3/3)

A[8,8] accessed this way:

- 4 misses, 60 REPLACEMENTS!!
- Change order of access:

· 4 misses, 12 replacements, 48 HITS!!



Array - Cache Solution 2

- Loop tiling: break loop into a nest of loops
- A[8,8] accessed this way:

```
for(q = 0; q < 2; q++)

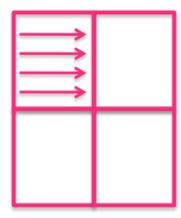
for(p = 0; p < 2; p++)

for(j = (q * 4); j < ((q * 4) + 4); j++)

for(i = (p * 4); i < ((p * 4) + 4); i++)

A[i][j] += 20;
```

4 misses, 12 replacements, 48 HITS!!



Order of access linked

- · Less efficient than changing loop order to cache organisation
- Feasible method for arrays bigger than cache and/or complex arrays
 - Example: X[i][j] = A[i][k] + B[j][k] + C[i][j]



Interpreters and JIT Compilers

- Interpreter: translates and executes program statements on - the - fly
 - Visual Basic 6.0

Java intermediate translation

- JIT compiler: compiles small sections of code into instructions during program execution.
 - Eliminates some translation overhead
 - Often requires more memory
 - Java

